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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DDM&S Briefing of the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations
and Government Information of House Government
Operations Committee - 5 June 1974

1. On 5 June 1974, Mr. Harold Brownman met with the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information on the subject of the use of the polygraph. The meeting lasted from 1140 hours until 1240 hours.

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[REDACTED] A transcript was taken and is on file in the Office of Legislative Counsel. The meeting was in open session and followed by an executive session. Discussions were at a Secret level.

2. Present from the Subcommittee was:

William S. Moorhead(D., Pa.), Chairman

3. Present from the Subcommittee staff were:

William G. Phillips
Norman G. Cornish
L. James Kronfeld
Stephen Daniels
Max Stetner

4. Accompanying Mr. Brownman were:

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George L. Cary, Legislative Counsel

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5. Following the executive session, Chairman Moorhead said it was his opinion that nothing of a highly classified nature had been discussed in the executive session and he asked if it would be possible to clear that transcript for publication also. I told the Chairman we would be happy to review it and sanitize it for publication.

6. Of particular interest were the following:

a. Mr. Cornish questioned the witnesses at some length about the fact that the Director and the Deputy Director were the only full-time employees of the Agency who were not polygraphed. He cited the recent spy incident in Willy Brandt's office and said he found it odd that the two top men in the Agency were not polygraphed. Mr. Brownman explained that the reason for this was that they were presidential appointees who had been confirmed by the Senate and it was not felt appropriate to add another condition on the President's prerogatives. (We discussed this further with Mr. Cornish and Mr. Phillips after the hearing.)

b. The Chairman and staff seemed impressed with:

(1) the way in which the polygraphing of female employees was handled when the operator was a male.

(2) the Agency's practice of maintaining records of polygraph interviews in a separate vault area apart from all other Agency records.

(3) The fact that persons interviewed were given a medical examination before being polygraphed.

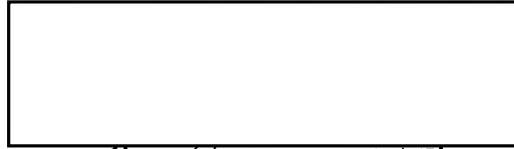
7. Follow up action:

a. The Chairman asked if the chart which Mr. Brownman used could be reduced to page size and made a part of the Subcommittee record. Mr. Brownman agreed to this.

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b. The transcript is to be reviewed and sanitized for publication.






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Remarks: 2 to 3 & 4: You are undoubtedly aware that 6.a. is somewhat misleading in that Mr. Colby was actually polygraphed on more than one occasion. He took the initiative in volunteering to be polygraphed in his position as Executive Director-Comptroller. I escorted Mr. Colby to IRD, where did the testing, and I otherwise followed developments per instructions from D/Security.			
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